

## Grammar Lesson

Lesson 25: I've just mailed a letter  
レッスン 25: ちょうど手紙を出したところです

**Target: Talking about the recent past using present perfect**  
 目的: 現在完了形を使って最近起こった事について話しましょう!

Reading  
単語

## New vocabulary introduced in the reading

• a study session	勉強会	• packing peanuts	ピーナッツ型発泡スチロール
• myself	私自身	• a rip off	不当に高い値段
• post...	～を郵送する	• a money order	郵便為替
• a parcel	小包	• a bank transfer	銀行間振替
• seeing that...	～であるから	• a letter box	郵便箱
• via	～を経由して	• a courier	宅配便業者
• postage	郵送料	• hand over...	手渡す
• airmail	航空便	• a package	小包
• in the mail	郵送で	• a postcard	はがき

## 1

Read the passage and circle the new words as you find them

My family has been so busy today. My mom has just taken my younger brother to school. My older brother has just left for work, my sister has just come back from an all night study session and myself, I've just gotten back from the post office.

At the post office I had to do so many things. I had to post a letter for my wife, pick up a parcel from my brother, send a present to my friend in Germany seeing that it's his birthday. Because I sent it via airmail the postage was really expensive. It was at least 3 times more than I thought it would cost. And, as I didn't want the present to break in the mail, I wrapped it in bubble wrap, then put some packing peanuts in too. When the lady at the counter weighed the package, I was surprised at the weight because it was much less than I had expected, which was good. But then, she told me how much the insurance was going to cost, and I immediately felt depressed. The insurance was going to be another \$50. What a rip off!

The next thing I had to do was fill out a money order. I'd bought some stuff on Ebay the day before, but the seller doesn't accept Paypal or bank transfers so I had to come all the way down to the post office just to fill out a money order, and they are not cheap either. This one money order cost me \$4. I really wish more people would accept Paypal. It's so much more convenient.

After that, I had to pick up a delivery that I'd missed. Yesterday, when I got home, I checked my letter box and there was a note from a courier saying that I had not been home when they tried to drop off the package. So I just showed the girl at the counter the note and she handed over the package.

Just as I was about to leave, my dad called and reminded me to post the postcard we had written while we were on vacation, but had forgotten to send. I hate sending postcards. It's so much easier to just take a photo and send an email. I really don't think anyone actually sends postcards anymore.

OK, well now, I've got about 3 hours until I have to go to work myself. So I guess I'm going to relax and watch some TV until I have to head off.

## 2

Answer the questions below

- Who has just taken her younger brother to school?
- Who has just left for work?
- Where has her sister just come back from?
- Has her brother just come back from the post office?
- Why did she have to fill out a money order?
- What was a rip off at the post office?
- When did she write the postcard?
- How many examples of present perfect (recent past) can you find?

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Grammar Lesson  
**Lesson 26: I've been to the ATM 3 times**  
レッスン 26: 今のところATMに3度行きました**Target: Talking about unfinished time using present perfect**  
目的: 現在完了形を使って、まだ終わらない事について話しましょう!Reading  
単語

## New vocabulary introduced in the reading

• earn...	稼ぐ	• withdraw...	引き出す
• get paid...	稼ぐ	• incredible	すごい
• according to	～によれば	• a joint account	共同口座
• a bank statement	銀行取引明細書	• luckily	幸いにも
• possible	可能性がある	• a split payment	分割支払い
• transfer...	移す	• otherwise	そうしないと
• charge up...	チャージする	• max out a credit card	カードを限度額まで使い切る
• make a withdrawal	預金を引き出す	• more than usual	普通より
• make a transaction	取引を行う	• have a word with...	(人)と少し話をする

## 1

Read the passage and circle the new words as you find them

This month I think I've spent too much money. I've easily spent much more than I've earned. I only got paid \$4,000 this month, but according to my bank statement I've spent \$6,000. I don't really know how this is possible.

Hmm, let's see. How did I spend this much? Well... I've transferred \$200 to my brother 3 times this month. I've probably spent about \$1000 or so on my credit card because I've used it about 5 or 6 times.

Hmm, what else? Oh yeah, I've done quite a lot of online shopping this month. I think I have probably spent about \$800-\$900. I've also charged up my Visa Suica twice, because I've been commuting more than usual.

Oh yeah, and I've made quite a few withdrawals this month. The statement here says that I have made 12 transactions this month, and the total amount I've withdrawn is \$1200. Wow! That's incredible. I can't believe I've withdrawn that much.

My wife has gone shopping a lot this month as well and since we have a joint account I can see all of her purchases. So, let's have a look, shall we? Oh, she's spent \$300 on shoes. That's pretty normal for her, though. She always usually buys 2 or 3 new pairs each month. I remember a few months ago when she bought a new pair of shoes, Manolo Blahnik I think they were. They cost over \$1000. Luckily, she paid for them with a split payment, though. Otherwise we she would have maxed out the credit card.

What else? She's withdrawn about \$500 on four separate occasions. That's pretty normal. That's probably just money for food and commuting. We have been eating out a lot recently.

Hmm, oh, what's this? Wow! She's been to that day spa she likes - more than usual. What? She's been there eight times this month? And she's spent over \$1500? That's incredible. I'm going to have to have a word with her when she gets home today. At the rate we are going, we are going to end up using up all of our savings. I really wish she wouldn't waste so much money. Money doesn't grow on trees, you know.

## 2

Answer the questions below

1. How much money has he spent this month?
2. How many times has he transferred money to his brother?
3. Has he charged up his Suica three times?
4. How many transactions has he made this month?
5. Has his wife gone shopping a lot this month?
6. How much money has his wife withdrawn?
7. How many times has his wife been to the day spa this month?
8. How many examples of present perfect (unfinished time) can you find?

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## Grammar Lesson

## Lesson 27: I've done it already

## レッスン 27: もうやりました

**Target: Talking about travel preparation using present perfect**  
 目的: 現在完了形を使って、旅行の準備について話しましょう!

Reading  
単語

## New vocabulary introduced in the reading

• a whole lot of...	たくさんの	• a relief	(緊張・心配・苦痛などの) 軽減
• enormous	膨大な	• an itinerary	旅行プラン
• even though	～にもかかわらず	• load... up with...	(データなどを) 取り込む
• (be) at... non-stop	休みなしに	• a sim card	SIMカード
• cross... off	線を引いて消す	• a carry on	機内持ち込み用バッグ
• get a shot	注射をしてもらう	• tops	最も多くて
• Hepatitis A / B	A型肝炎 / B型肝炎	• refill...	～を補充する
• Typhoid	腸チフス	• a prescription	処方薬
• hurt like the devil	ひどく痛む	• not overly	あまり～ない

## 1

Read the passage and circle the new words as you find them

I've had such a busy day today. I'm going overseas in two days, so there is a whole lot of stuff I need to do before I leave.

My to-do-list is just enormous and even though I've been at it non-stop, I haven't been able to cross everything off yet.

Let's see. What have I done already? Well... I've already got my shots. I got Hepatitis A, B and Typhoid, and both of them hurt like the devil. Also, I've already confirmed all of my flights and hotels, which is a big relief. I'd just hate to get to the airport and find out one of my times has changed be stuck without a flight. I've seen some people sleeping at the airport before and I don't think it's something I'd ever like to do.

Also, I've already sent a copy of my itinerary to my parents. I think it's really important to make sure someone has a copy of your itinerary just in case something bad happens while you're overseas.

I've already exchanged some money. I've already bought some travelers checks. I've already loaded my iPad up with some new movies and music and I've already got a new sim card for my phone, so that it will work overseas.

Now, what haven't I done yet? Hmm, well... I haven't packed my luggage yet, so I still need to do that, but I'll just do that tonight. I've only got one suitcase and one carry-on, so that should only take like 30 minutes tops.

And also, I haven't refilled my prescription yet. I really should go to the drug store today before they close or I could be in some serious trouble when I go overseas. Oh yeah, I just remembered. I still need to organize a taxi to the airport. But I don't think it's overly important. I'll just do it tomorrow night. It shouldn't be too much of a problem.

Well... I think that's it. I'm really looking forward to going overseas and I'm sure that I'll be able to finish everything before I leave.

## 2

Answer the questions below

- Has he been able to cross everything off his list yet?
- Has he already got his shots?
- Has he already confirmed his flights?
- Who has he already sent a copy of his itinerary to?
- Has he already got a new sim card?
- Has he packed his luggage yet?
- Has he refilled his prescription yet?
- How many examples of present perfect (already / yet) can you find?

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## Speaking Lesson

## Lesson 28: That's a bit steep!

レッスン 28: たっかいな～!

Target: Getting a discount at a shop  
目的: お店で値下げ交渉をしてみましょう!Reading  
単語

## New vocabulary introduced in the reading

• LED TV	LEDテレビ
• that depends	それは場合によりけりです
• go with...	～を選ぶ
• set (someone) back (money)	(費用などが) かかる
• run (someone) (money)	(費用などが) かかる
• a grand	\$1000
• knock down the price	割引する
• price match	プライスマッチに应じる
• throw... in	～を付ける

## 1

Read the passage and circle the new words as you find them

**Staff:** Hello. Welcome to Happy Camera. Can I help you?  
**Greg:** Yeah. I'm thinking about buying a new TV.  
**Staff:** Great. What kind of TV are you after: Plasma, LCD or LED?  
**Greg:** Hmm, I'm not really sure. What do you recommend?  
**Staff:** That depends. What size are you looking for?  
**Greg:** Probably around 50 - 60" or so.  
**Staff:** In that case, I think you should go with the plasma. Let me show you what we have.  
**Greg:** Thank you.  
**Staff:** Here we have our brand new models. They just came in last week  
**Greg:** Nice. I quite like the back one. If I decide to buy it, how much is it going to set me back?  
**Staff:** It'll run you just under 2 grand. \$1,998.50.  
**Greg:** Is that with tax?  
**Staff:** No, with tax it's \$2180.00.  
**Greg:** That's a little out of my price range. Do you have a less expensive one?  
**Staff:** Sure. That one over there is \$1,500.  
**Greg:** Wow! That's more than I'd thought. Can you knock down the price a bit?  
**Staff:** Hmm. I can discount the price by 10% if you like.  
**Greg:** 10% you say? Hmm. But, I saw the same model at Nexus Camera for \$1350. Do you guys price match?  
**Staff:** Sure. If they have it for \$1350, we can match the price and beat it by 10%. So, how does \$1215 sound?  
**Greg:** \$1215 sounds better. That's more in my price range, but do you think you could discount the price some more?  
**Staff:** Sorry. I can't discount the price any more.  
**Greg:** What if I paid cash?  
**Staff:** Then, I could give you some extra points if you like.  
**Greg:** Can you throw anything else in?  
**Staff:** Well... if you buy it today and you pay cash, I guess I could throw in some nice HDMI cables or one of those DVD players over there.  
**Greg:** OK, sold.

## 2

Answer the questions below

1. What does Greg say to ask about the price?
2. What does Greg say to ask about a cheaper model?
3. What does Greg say to ask for a discount?
4. What does Greg say to ask for a 2nd discount?
5. What does Greg say to ask for a 3rd discount?
6. What does Greg say to ask for a 4th discount?
7. What does Greg say to ask for a free item?
8. What does Greg say when she agrees to the terms?

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## Lesson 29: Even though I studied hard...

レッスン 29: すごく勉強したのに...

Target: Expressing opposition  
目的: ~したのに、を使って話しましょう!Reading  
単語

## New vocabulary introduced in the reading

• ahead of schedule	予定より早く	• a branch office	支店
• embarrassed	恥ずかしい	• an anniversary	記念日
• yearly	年1回の	• turn out	~の結果になる
• a performance review	業績考査	• should have	~すべきだった
• get a raise	給料が上がる	• beforehand	事前に
• deserve...	~を受けるに値する	• pretend to (verb)	~するふりをする
• a section	部分	• fake	見せ掛ける
• repeated	たびたびの	• (alarm) go off	突然鳴りだす
• transfer... to...	に転勤する	• as a result	結果として

## 1

Read the passage and circle the new words as you find them

I've had such a bad week. So many things have gone wrong.

On Monday, I had an early morning meeting at 7 and even though I woke up early and left the house ahead of schedule I still arrived late to the meeting. My boss was a little angry and I felt really embarrassed. It was not a nice feeling.

On Tuesday, I had my yearly performance review at work and in spite of all my hard work, I didn't get the raise that I was hoping for. I was pretty disappointed. I've been working so hard and I really felt like I deserved that raise.

On Wednesday, I went to Tokyo to take a TOEIC test, and although I had spent 30 minutes every day studying, I still didn't understand 30-40% of the test. My boss is going to be angry at me for sure. The listening sections were just so hard. I really need to improve my listening skills.

On Thursday, despite my repeated requests, my boss transferred me to our branch office in Hachioji. I don't want to be in Hachioji. Nobody wants to be in Hachioji. It's so far away from Tokyo. It may be in Tokyo, but I'd rather live in Omiya than in Hachioji.

On Friday, I tried to cook dinner for my wife because it was our anniversary. It didn't turn out very good, though. I really should have read the recipe beforehand. My wife pretended to enjoy it, but I could tell she was faking it. I guess I'll have to try harder next year.

On Saturday night, my friend and I decided to go to a nightclub. However, we were unable to get in because the club was full.

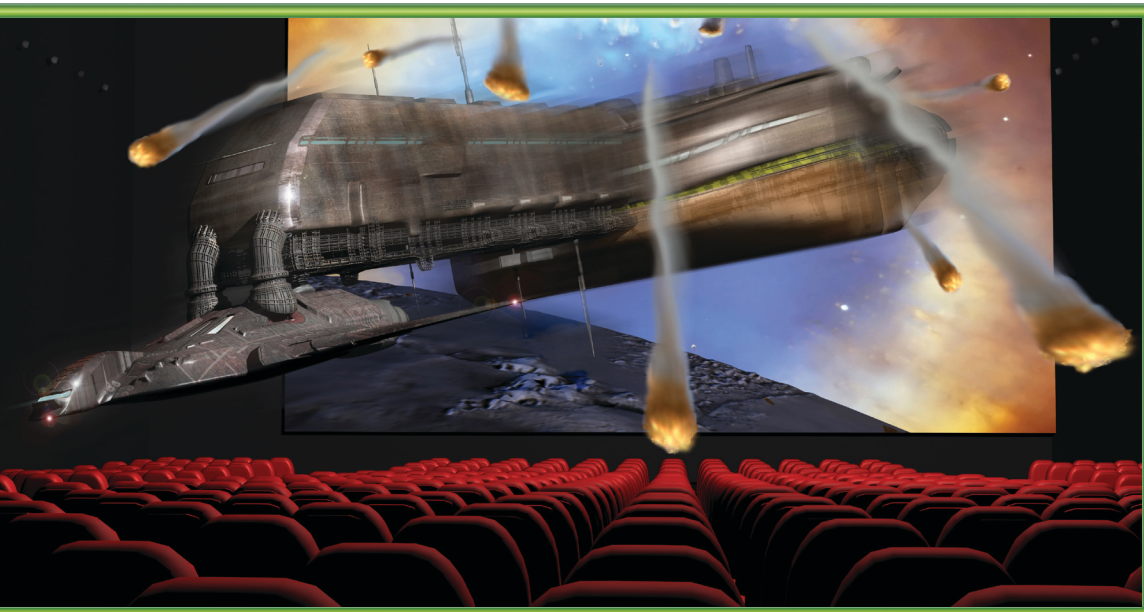
This morning, I set my alarm for 7:00, but it didn't go off. As a result, I missed my favorite Saturday morning TV show: "The Adventures of Noel and Moku." This afternoon, I wanted to buy my wife a new handbag because it is her birthday. So, I went to the Louis Vuitton store in Ginza, because I know how much she loves brand name bags. However, I wasn't able to buy her one, because they were all much more expensive than I'd previously thought.

## 2

Answer the questions below

1. What happened on Monday?
2. What happened on Tuesday?
3. What happened on Wednesday?
4. What happened on Thursday?
5. What happened on Friday?
6. What happened on Saturday?
7. What happened today?
8. How many examples of opposition can you find?

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Lesson 30: I go to Karaoke to relax  
レッスン 30: リラックスするためにカラオケに行くTarget: Expressing purpose  
目的: 目的について表現しましょう!Reading  
単語

## New vocabulary introduced in the reading

• a high-tower speaker	背が高いスピーカー	• in silence	静かに
• a receiver	〔音楽用の〕受信機	• set... up	セットする
• more... than I can poke a stick at	非常にたくさんの～	• single	ただ一つの
• connect... up to...	～につながる	• instructions	取扱説明書
• a media server	メディアサーバー	• scroll through...	をスクロールする
• pretty sweet	なかなかいい	• adjust...	調整する
• a universal remote	ユニバーサル・リモコン	• pop up	現れる
• mock...	～をあざ笑う	• access...	アクセスする
		• shuffle through...	あちこち動かす

## 1

Read the passage and circle the new words as you find them

I just bought a new home theater yesterday. It's amazing.

I have a 100" plasma, 6 high-tower speakers, a HD receiver, PS3, Xbox 360, HDD recorder, cable TV with more channels than I can poke a stick at, and I have the whole thing connected up to my media server. It also does Karaoke. I used to Karaoke near the station to relax, but not I can do it in my house. It's pretty sweet.

Also, I bought a really nice headset so that I can chat with people online while I play. I think playing games online in silence is boring. It's so much fun if you can mock someone when you beat them. I set the whole system up so that it uses a single universal remote. It's really easy for me to use, but my girlfriend doesn't really know how to use it, so I had to write a set of instructions for her.

Instructions:

To watch cable TV, first press the "TV on" button on the remote, then press "Amp on" after that scroll through the menu in the middle of the remote until you find "cable."

In order to change channels or adjust the volume, all you need to do is press the button that says "Volume / Channel" on the right hand side of the remote.

To listen to music just select "Music" on the remote and the whole library should pop up. Then, to choose a song all you have to do is scroll and click "Enter."

Watching movies or TV shows is just as easy. Just press "movies" or "TV shows" on the remote and then you will be able to access them.

Before I bought my new system, I had so many remotes – maybe 11 or 12. It was really annoying shuffling through the different remotes until I found the one I was looking for. That's why I decided to spend the extra money, and get a universal remote this time.

It takes a little time to learn how to use it, but once you can use it, it's so much better.

## 2

Answer the questions below

1. Why did he buy a new headset?
2. Who did he have to write instructions for?
3. How do you watch cable TV?
4. How do you change channels?
5. How do you listen to music?
6. How do you choose a song?
7. Did he set the system up to use three remote controls?
8. How many examples of purpose can you find?

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## Speaking Lesson

Lesson 31: Do you have any advice?  
レッスン 31: 何かアドバイスはありますか?

Target: Asking for someone's opinion & giving advice  
目的: 誰かに意見を聞いたりアドバイスをしましょう!

Reading  
単語

## New vocabulary introduced in the reading

• have a hard time	困難な状況である	• against...	〜に反対して
• sick of...	〜にうんざりしている	• legally	法的に
• I swear	誓ってもいい	• regret...	後悔する
• at one's wit's end	困り果てて	• a decision	決断
• take the cake	あきれる	• removal	取り除くこと
• a client	取引先	• pick...	選ぶ
• Damn	くそっ!	• later	後で
• have a sit-down with...	(人) と話し合う	• not fly with...	受け入れられる
• face a dilemma	ジレンマに直面する	• straight out	率直な

## 1

Read the passage and circle the new words as you find them

- Gwen:** Hi Simon. What's up.  
**Simon:** Well... I'm having a hard time at work at the moment? I'm so sick of Clive. I swear, I'm at my wits' end with that guy.  
**Gwen:** What did he do this time?  
**Simon:** This time really took the cake. He was 2 hours late to an important meeting with a new client and as a result the client left and we lost 20 grand.  
**Gwen:** Damn.  
**Simon:** Yeah. I just don't know what to do with him. What would you do if you were in my position?  
**Gwen:** Well... have you considered having a sit-down with Clive?  
**Simon:** Already done that.  
**Gwen:** In that case, perhaps you could try transferring him somewhere?  
**Simon:** You might have something there. Yeah. That just might work.  
**Gwen:** Cool. Glad I could be of help. Is there anything else you'd like to talk about?  
**Simon:** Well.. It's not really work related but I'm facing quite the dilemma at home. My eldest son, Malcom wants to get a tattoo, but his mother and I are really against it. The problem is, he is 18, so legally he can get one and it seems there is nothing we can do about it. I just really don't want him to grow up regretting his decision. Do you have any advice?  
**Gwen:** Why don't you just tell him that he can get one, when he moves out?  
**Simon:** I don't really want him to move out though.  
**Gwen:** Then, I think you should probably show him how much tattoo removal costs.  
**Simon:** Nah, I doubt that would really work.  
**Gwen:** Ok then, how's this, why don't you just tell him that if really wants a tattoo he has to pick the design and then if he still wants the same design 3 months later, then you'll pay for the tattoo?  
**Simon:** I doubt that would fly with my wife. How's this? I'm just going to straight out, tell him no.  
**Gwen:** Whatever you do, don't tell him he can't get one. Otherwise he will get one just to spite you. You remember what you were like as a kid right?  
**Simon:** Good point.

## 2

Answer the questions below

1. What does Simon say to ask for advice? (1st time)
2. What does Gwen say to give advice? (1st time)
3. What does Gwen say to give advice? (2nd time)
4. What does Simon say to ask for advice? (2nd time)
5. What does Gwen say to give advice? (3rd time)
6. What does Gwen say to give advice? (4th time)
7. What does Gwen say to give advice? (5th time)
8. What does Gwen say to give advice? (6th time)

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# Lesson 32: What nice earrings!

## レッスン 32: なんていいイヤリングなんでしょう!

**Target: Starting a conversation and responding to compliments**  
 目的: 会話を始めてほめ言葉に応答しましょう!

### Reading 単語



#### New vocabulary introduced in the reading

• put... down	下に置く
• I know, right?	でしょう?
• hooked	はまって
• share the same interest	～への関心を共有する
• develop...	進展させる
• incredibly	信じられないほど
• rewarding	働きがいのある
• come up	やって来る
• notice...	気が付く

## 1

Read the passage and circle the new words as you find them

**Jerome:** Hi.  
**Kate:** Hello.  
**Jerome:** Are you reading that new George RR Martin book?  
**Kate:** Yeah. I just picked it up the other day.  
**Jerome:** I'm reading it too. What do you think of it?  
**Kate:** It's amazing. I can't put it down.  
**Jerome:** I know, right? Once I picked it up I was hooked.  
**Kate:** Wow. It's always cool to meet someone who shares the same interest.  
**Jerome:** Oh sorry, by the way I'm Jerome.  
**Kate:** I'm Kate. Nice to meet you. So, what are you doing in Japan?  
**Jerome:** I manage an English school in Ginza.  
**Kate:** That's cool. What company?  
**Jerome:** DMA. Dean Morgan Academy.  
**Kate:** Ah, I've heard of you guys. You published the "What If" vocabulary book series. Some of my friends bought them. They are pretty cool.  
**Jerome:** Great. I'm glad you enjoyed them. We really put a lot of effort into developing them. How about you, what do you do?  
**Kate:** Me? I'm a nurse.  
**Jerome:** Cool. What's that like?  
**Kate:** It's incredibly stressful, but it's also quite rewarding.  
**Jerome:** That sounds like my job.  
**Kate:** Have you been in Japan long?  
**Jerome:** Coming up 7 years this August.  
**Kate:** Wow! I've only been here for 3 months.  
**Jerome:** Do you like it?  
**Kate:** Yeah. It's amazing.  
**Jerome:** Talking about amazing. I really like your earrings. Are they Coco Chanel?  
**Kate:** Yeah. Wow! I can't believe you noticed.  
**Jerome:** Say, I got to head off now, but do you want to grab a drink sometime?  
**Kate:** Sure. Here is my number.  
**Jerome:** Thanks. It was nice meeting you Kate.

## 2

Answer the questions below

1. What does Jerome say to comment on an action?
2. What does Jerome say to explain a similar interest?
3. What does Jerome say to introduce himself?
4. What does Jerome say to show interest in what Kate's job?
5. What does Jerome say to ask Kate how long she's been in Japan?
6. What does Jerome say to compliment Kate on her earrings?
7. What does Jerome say to invite Kate out?
8. What does Jerome say to end the conversation?

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## Grammar Lesson

## Lesson 33: He should be here by now

レッスン 33: そろそろ彼はここに来るはずです

Target: Expressing expectations

目的: ~のはず、を使って予想されることを表現してみましょう!

Reading  
単語

## New vocabulary introduced in the reading

• on time	定刻に	• never hear the end of...	~について何度も聞かされる
• a funeral	葬儀	• honestly	正直に
• pick up	電話に出る	• go for	続く
• voicemail	留守番電話	• make it	時間に間に合う
• must	~のはずだ	• to get a good write up	好意的な記事が載った
• or something	~か何か	• ever since	その後ずっと
• confused	困惑した	• based on	~に基づく
• exactly	正確に	• know... off by heart	そらで覚えている
• (time) on the dot	時間通りに	• unreliable	信頼できない

## 1

Read the passage and circle the new words as you find them

OK, so I'm waiting for my friend James. I seem to be always waiting for James. I can't even remember the last time he was on time. He's the type of guy that would be late to his own funeral.

I just tried to call him on the phone, but he didn't pick up and the call just went straight to his voicemail. He must be on the train or something. James is supposed to meet me at "the Hub" at 6:00 today, because we are going to have a few drinks then go to the movies together.

I'm a little confused though, I'm standing in front of "the Hub" now and it's closed. It's exactly 6:20 on the dot now. "The Hub" usually opens around 5pm, so it should be open. I wonder why it's closed. I guess I'll wait a little longer for James.

OK, it's 6:30 now, and James said he left the house at 6:00 and it takes about 30 minutes from his place, so I think he should arrive soon. If he doesn't get here by 7:00, I'm just going to start watching the movie without him, but if I do that, I'll probably never hear the end of it. James is always late, but he gets really angry when you start without him. Honestly, the trailers only go for like 20 minutes though, so he should definitely make it before the actual movie starts.

I'm really looking forward to seeing this movie. It got a really good write up. Rotten Tomatoes, IMDB and Metacritic all gave it a high score. I've been waiting for this movie to come out for 6 months, ever since I saw the trailer online. So based on the review, I think it should be pretty good. I really hope it's worth the wait, though.

I was going to invite my brother as well, but he is supposed to spend today studying so I decided to go without him. He has been studying every day for the past month, and he knows pretty much all of the material off by heart so I really think he ought to pass the test.

After the movie we are supposed to meet up with Kim. Jane was supposed to come too, but since she has to work late today, it looks like she won't be able to come. My friends are so unreliable. I think it's time I start looking for some new friends.

## 2

Answer the questions below

1. Where is James supposed to meet her?
2. What should be open, but isn't?
3. Why does she think James should arrive soon?
4. Does she think he should definitely arrive before the trailers?
5. What is her brother supposed to be doing today?
6. Why does she think her brother ought to pass the test?
7. Who is she supposed to meet up with after the movie?
8. How many examples of expectations can you find?

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## Speaking Lesson

## Lesson 34: Are you up for a movie?

## レッスン 34: 映画を観に行かない?

**Target: Extending invitations and offering food to people**  
 目的: 何かに招待したり、食べ物を提供してみましょう!

Reading  
単語

## New vocabulary introduced in the reading

• not especially	あまり～ない	• a beer garden	ビアガーデン
• I was wondering...	もしよかったら	• open up	開店する
• a dinosaur	恐竜	• the other day	先日
• an exhibit	展覧会	• run out of...	～を使い果たす
• a convention center	コンベンションセンター	• tag along	ついて行く
• not ~ all that	それほど～でない	• Count me in!	私も仲間に入れて
• catch a movie	映画を見に行く	• bait	(釣りなどの) 餌
• can't help oneself	自分を抑えられない	• a fishing rod	釣り竿
• a new release	新作	• set off	出発する

## 1

Read the passage and circle the new words as you find them

- Mike:** Hi Curtis.  
**Curtis:** Oh, hi Mike. What's up?  
**Mike:** Have you got any plans for this weekend?  
**Curtis:** Not especially.  
**Mike:** Great. I was wondering if you'd like to do something.  
**Curtis:** Like what?  
**Mike:** Well... are you interested in going to that new dinosaur exhibit at the convention center? I heard it's supposed to be pretty cool.  
**Curtis:** You know, I'm not really all that into dinosaurs.  
**Mike:** OK, then do you feel like catching a movie? There are quite a few good movies out at the moment.  
**Curtis:** Ah, I've already seen all the good ones. I went to the theater a lot while I was in America last month. I just couldn't help myself, the tickets were so cheap and there were so many new releases that I knew wouldn't come out in Japan for ages.  
**Mike:** Yeah. I would have done the same thing. OK. I'm thinking. Do you want to go to the beer garden in Roppongi? It just opened up the other day.  
**Curtis:** Nah, I don't really like that place. I went there last year and the service was terrible.  
**Mike:** I'm really running out of ideas here.  
**Curtis:** OK, well some friends and I are going to go fishing on Sunday afternoon. Do you want to tag along?  
**Mike:** Yeah. Count me in. That sounds fun. What time is everyone meeting?  
**Curtis:** Everyone is going to meet up at my place around 6.  
**Mike:** Cool. What do I need to bring?  
**Curtis:** Just bring some bait. You can use one of my fishing rods if you like.  
**Mike:** OK. Well, I'll see you at 6 on Sunday.  
**Curtis:** Great. See you then.
- Curtis:** Hey dude, glad you could make it. We are just having a drink before we set off. Do you want anything?  
**Mike:** Yeah. A beer would be great.  
**Curtis:** Ok. Be right back... Here you go.

## 2

Answer the questions below

- What does Mike say to ask about Curtis's plans?
- What does Mike say to invite Curtis the first time?
- What does Curtis say to show a lack of interest?
- What does Mike say to invite Curtis the second time?
- What does Mike say to invite Curtis the third time?
- What does Mike say to show he is interested in joining Curtis.
- What does Curtis say to offer Mike a drink?
- What does Mike say to explain what kind of drink he wants?

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## Speaking Lesson

## Lesson 35: Who's in it?

## レッスン 35: 誰が出ているの?

Target: Talking about movies in detail

目的: 映画について細かく話してみましょう!

Reading  
単語

## New vocabulary introduced in the reading

• a superhero	スーパーヒーロー	• activate...	始動させる
• an avenger	復讐者	• a portal	門
• an invasion	侵略	• an assassin	暗殺者
• a god	神	• brainwash...	洗脳する
• mischief	いたずら	• assemble a team	チームを組む
• all-star cast	スター総出演	• inhabit...	住む
• top secret	極秘	• fluid	滑らかな
• a facility	機関	• crisp	鮮明な
• feature...	特色の	• underestimate...	見くびる

## 1

Read the passage and circle the new words as you find them

Yesterday, my friends and I went to the movies and we saw "The Avengers." It was really good. The movie is about a group of superheroes, who are called "The Avengers" and they have to save the world from an alien invasion led by Loki, the god of mischief.

The movie has an all-star cast: Robert Downey, Jr., Chris Evans, Mark Ruffalo, Chris Hemsworth, Scarlett Johansson, Jeremy Renner, Tom Hiddleston, Clark Gregg, Cobie Smulders, Stellan Skarsgård, Samuel L. Jackson & Gwyneth Paltrow.

The movie starts off with some scientists in a top secret facility attempting to use a strange blue cube called "The Tesseract." This item was featured in an earlier movie in the series, "Captain America - The first Avenger." While the scientists are trying to activate the cube, a portal opens and Loki comes out, after a brief battle, the facility is destroyed and one of the Avengers, a skilled assassin called "Hawkeye" is brainwashed and helps Loki escape.

The loss of The Tesseract places the whole world in danger, so Nick Fury, who is the director of Shield (a secret government organization) assembles a team of superheroes to stop Loki and get the Tesseract back.

The movie is set in the present day Marvel universe, which is the universe that all characters from Marvel inhabit. e.g. Spiderman, Wolverine, the Fantastic Four, Elektra, The X-Men, etc. all live in the same universe and can interact with each other.

The special effects in the movie are simply incredible. The CGI is photo realistic. There is some much detail and the movements are so fluid that you really can't really tell what's been made on a computer and what hasn't. Also, the movie was shot in 3D, and if you watch the 3D version, you'll notice that the images are really crisp and some scenes, especially the final battle have really amazing depth, and you really feel like the battle is taking place around you.

The highlight for me was definitely when "The Hulk" tossed "Loki" around like a ragdoll. Everyone in the cinema exploded in laughter. You should never underestimate how satisfying a "Hulk smash" can be. I thoroughly recommend this movie.

## 2

Answer the questions below

1. What is the movie about?
2. Does the movie have an all-star cast?
3. How does the movie start off?
4. When and where in the movie set?
5. How were the special effects?
6. Was the movie shot in 3D?
7. What scene has amazing depth?
8. What was the highlight?

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## Lesson 36: I've known him for ages

## レッスン 36: 彼を長い間知っています

**Target: Using the present perfect tense and stative verbs**  
 目的: 現在完了形と状態動詞を使ってみましょう!

Reading  
単語

## New vocabulary introduced in the reading

• manufacturing	製造の	• solid	信頼できる
• extra	追加の	• rotor	回転翼
• consist of...	から成る	• reliable	信頼できる
• for the better part of...	～の大半は	• in the shop	修理に出している
• look (person) up	調べる	• break down	故障する
• set... up with an interview	とのインタビューを設定する	• on the phone	電話中で
• stoked	ワクワクした	• a mechanic	整備士
• outdated	時代遅れの	• religious	信心深い
• let... down	失望させる	• mass	〔教会の〕礼拝

## 1

Read the passage and circle the new words as you find them

I've been in Canada for 5 years and I've been a manager at a local manufacturing company for the last 3 years. I've been really busy at work recently because I have an important project that I need to finish by Friday. It's really hard because although the boss said he would give me some extra team members, he never did, and doing everything by myself is really hard.

I've belonged to the sales department since I started working at the company. The department is pretty small, we really need some more staff. The department has consisted of just James, Bob, Ken and myself for the better part of 2 years.

I've known my boss for about 10 years. We met when we were both in university. Of course, he wasn't my boss then. When I came to Canada, I looked him up on Facebook and he set me up with an interview the same week.

Next week, I need to go to China on business. I'm pretty stoked. I've wanted to go to China ever since I was a kid. I'm really looking forward to this trip.

Also, I'm really into cars. I've been into cars since high school when my parents bought me my first car. It was an RX-7 FC. At the time it was really cool. Now the FC is a little outdated. I've had my current car, an RX-7 FD for a good 10 or 12 years now and it has never let me down. It's a really solid car and I just love the sound of the engine. The "Rotor" really is the best motor.

I'm lucky my car has been so reliable. My brother Malcolm bought a new car last year, but the car has been in the shop for the last 3 weeks because it keeps breaking down. Last week, the car broke down while Malcolm was on his way to church and Malcolm wasn't very happy about that. Even at the moment, Malcolm is on the phone with the mechanic. He's been on the phone for the better part of an hour.

My family is very religious. I've believed in god since I was a kid. And I still attend mass every Sunday. Also, I've been involved in church groups and church activities for ages. I've also really liked cartoon since I was a kid. My favorite one is Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. I've liked TMNT for over 20 years. My favorite turtle is definitely Donatello.

## 2

Answer the questions below

- How long has he been in Canada?
- How long has he belonged to the sales department?
- Has he known his boss for more than 20 years?
- How long has he wanted to go to China?
- Why has his brother's car been in the shop for the last 3 weeks?
- How long has his brother been on the phone?
- What show has he liked for other 20 years?
- How many examples of present perfect (stative verbs) can you find?

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## Grammar Lesson

## Lesson 37: Workplace responsibilities

## レッスン 37: 職場での責任

Target: Talking about responsibilities  
目的: 責任について話しましょう!

Reading  
単語

## New vocabulary introduced in the reading

• supervise...	管理する	• handle...	担当する
• make sure...	を確かめる	• sort out...	解決する
• be expected to...	〜と期待されている	• a dispute	議論
• give (person) a tour	(人) を案内する	• a new hire	新入社員
• paperwork	書類仕事	• discipline...	〜に自制心を持たせる
• up to (someone)	〜次第で	• let (person) go	解雇する
• a budget	予算	• task (person) with...	(人) に仕事を課する
• a schedule	予定	• payroll	給与計算
• go over...	ざっと目を通す	• accomplish...	遂行する

## 1

Read the passage and circle the new words as you find them

Hi my name's Akiko. I'm a manager at Mitsubishi. I'm in charge of the HR department. My job is very stressful because I have so many responsibilities.

My main responsibility is supervising the HR department, but I have lots of other responsibilities as well. I'm responsible for making sure everyone starts and finishes work on time. Everyone in our company has a time card and every day I'm expected to check everyone's time cards to make they started and finished on time. It sometimes takes a long time.

Another one of my responsibilities is to greet new clients and show them around the office. I don't mind this though, because I quite enjoy giving people tours. I'm also responsible for most of the paperwork here too. It's up to me to make the weekly schedule, plan the budget and go over the monthly reports. Also, it's my responsibility to handle all employee related problems. Just last week, I had to spend 3 hours sorting out a dispute between two of the new hires in my department.

Another one of my responsibilities is hiring and firing staff members. It's always up to me who we hire. I really like interviewing people and seeing how they respond to different questions. Unfortunately, it's also up to me to decide how to discipline employees who have broken the rules. I really don't enjoying letting people go, but sometimes I don't have a choice. The other month I was a little upset because I had to let three people go. I joined the company with two of them, and it's always hard giving your friends bad news.

Recently, my job has been getting harder. Last week, I was tasked with developing a new training program and just yesterday I was charged with planning the annual corporate retreat. I have so much stuff to do. My boss is supposed to do the payroll, but he never does, so it always falls solely on me to do the payroll. I really hate doing payroll. It takes forever.

Also, here is my most recent, and strangest responsibility. I'm expected to increase production this month by 8%, but I don't know how I'm going to accomplish that. I'm the HR director, not the production manager, but I guess I'll have to find a way.

## 2

Answer the questions below

1. Is Akiko in charge of the sales department?
2. What is her main responsibility?
3. Is she responsible for making sure people start work on time?
4. What's she expected to check?
5. Is she responsible for greeting clients and showing them around the office?
6. It is up to her to decide how to discipline employees?
7. What always falls solely on her?
8. What is she expected to increase by 8%?

## Speaking Lesson

## Lesson 38: Can we get together?

## レッスン 38: 会いませんか?

Target: Arranging meetings with people

目的: 誰かと会う約束をしましょう!

Reading  
単語

## New vocabulary introduced in the reading

• get together	会う	• in that case	もしそうなら
• transition...	移行する	• slate it for (time)	予定する
• a full time position	常勤	• pencil... in	予定表に書き込む
• tied up in meetings	会議で忙しい	• an agenda	課題
• work	都合の良い	• come up	(問題などが)持ち上がる
• a supplier	供給者	• attend...	に出席する
• doable	～することのできる	• push... back	延期する
• a prospective client	見込み客	• Can we make it tomorrow?	明日でもいい
• a plant	工場	• say	ねえ

## 1

Read the passage and circle the new words as you find them

- Mark:** Hi Sarah, have you got a sec?
- Sarah:** Sure. What's up?
- Mark:** Well... your sales have been really good, so I was wondering if we could get together this week to talk about the possibility of you transitioning to a full time position.
- Sarah:** Sure. That sounds great. When were you thinking?
- Mark:** How is Tuesday?
- Sarah:** I'm sorry, but I'm going to be tied up in meetings all day Tuesday.
- Mark:** Would Friday work for you?
- Sarah:** Hmm, unfortunately I have got to visit our supplier that day. I'm free on Wednesday, though. Is Wednesday doable?
- Mark:** Wednesday, doesn't really work for me. I'm going to be showing some prospective clients about the plant all day.
- Sarah:** Well... in that cause, let's meet on Thursday.
- Mark:** Sure. That sounds doable. Is 10:00am good for you?
- Sarah:** Actually, could we slate it for 2:00pm instead?
- Mark:** Sure. I can do that. Would you like to meet at my office or yours?
- Sarah:** Let's meet at yours. You have a much nicer view.
- Mark:** OK. Sounds good.
- Sarah:** Great. I'll pencil it in.
- Mark:** The agenda at the moment is just talking about the possibility of transitioning to a full time position, but if there is anything you want to add to the agenda, please let me know by tonight.
- Sarah:** I can do that. OK so, that's 3:00pm on Tuesday at your office?
- Mark:** That's correct.
- Sarah:** OK great. See you then.
- Sarah:** Hi Mark, it's Sarah. About the meeting. Well.. something has just come up and I don't think I'll be able to attend the meeting, so could we push it back to Monday next week? Say 5:00?
- Mark:** 5:00 is going to be a little tough for me. Can we make it 5:30 instead?
- Sarah:** Sure.

## 2

Answer the questions below

1. What does Mark say to ask Sarah if she can meet him?
2. What does Mark say to suggest a day?
3. What does Mark say to suggest a different day?
4. What does Sarah say to suggest a day?
5. What does Sarah say to suggest a different day?
6. What does Sarah say to suggest a different time?
7. What does Sarah say to confirm the details?
8. What does Mark say to suggest another different time?

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## Speaking Lesson

## Lesson 39: Is Chris around?

## レッスン 39: クリスはいる?

**Target: Making a call, taking & leaving a message**  
 目的: 電話をして伝言を聞いたり残したりしましょう!

Reading  
単語

## New vocabulary introduced in the reading

• available	出られる
• hold the line	電話を切らずに待つ
• in a meeting	会議中に
• preferably	できれば
• put (person) through to (person)	〔電話で〕AをBにつなぐ
• get (person) for (person)	(人) を呼ぶ
• missing	見当たらない
• take care of...	~に対処する
• right away	すぐに

## 1

Read the passage and circle the new words as you find them

**Ben:** Hello, this is Ben Wentworth from DMA calling. Is Chris Nakamura available?  
**Staff:** Please hold the line. I'll see if he's here. ... I'm sorry sir, but he's in a meeting at the moment.  
**Ben:** Would I be able to leave a message?  
**Staff:** Sure. And the message?  
**Ben:** Please tell him that I'm having a little problem with the computers I ordered and could you ask him to call me back as soon as possible? Preferably within the hour.  
**Staff:** Sure. Does he have your number?  
**Ben:** He should, but just in case it's 555 654 857.  
**Staff:** That was 555 654 857  
**Ben:** Yes.  
**Staff:** OK. I'll give him the message. Is there anything else I can do for you today?  
**Ben:** No, that's all. Thank you.

**Ben:** Hi it's Ben. Can you put me through to Chris Nakamura please?  
**Staff:** Yeah, I just saw him a minute ago. Let me go get him for you.  
**Ben:** Thanks.  
**Chris:** Hello, Chris speaking.  
**Ben:** Hey Chris it's Ben.  
**Chris:** Oh, hi Ben. What's up?  
**Ben:** Well, I'm calling about the products I ordered the other day.  
**Chris:** Oh yeah. My secretary just gave me your message a minute ago. I was just about to call you. You mentioned you are having a problem with the new PCs you ordered.  
**Ben:** Yes, that's right.  
**Chris:** What seems to be the problem?  
**Ben:** Well, its just a little one. Some of the cables and software are missing. Could you send me 3 USB cables, 2 power cables and 4 copies of Windows 7?  
**Chris:** Wow that's a lot. I can't believe so much stuff was missing from your order.  
**Ben:** Yeah. Me either.  
**Chris:** Well, I'll take care of everything, and send you those parts right away.  
**Ben:** Thanks Kenji. Bye.

## 2

Answer the questions below

1. What does Ben say to announce himself?
2. What does Ben say when he wants to speak to Chris?
3. What does the staff say when she wants him to wait.
4. What does Ben say when he wants to leave a message?
5. What does Ben say to state what the message is?
6. What does Ben say when he wants to speak to Chris?
7. What does Chris say to announce himself?
8. What does Ben say to state the reason he is calling?

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## Speaking Lesson

## Lesson 40: I majored in history

## レッスン 40: 私の専攻科目は歴史でした

**Target: Talking about skills, abilities and qualifications**  
 目的: スキルや能力、資格について話しましょう!

Reading  
単語

## New vocabulary introduced in the reading

• apply for...	~に申し込む	• proficient at...	するのがうまい
• a position	職	• such as	例えば~など
• advertise...	広告をする	• a number of...	多数の
• a master's degree	修士学位	• in a team	チームで
• pass...	合格する	• a personality	性格
• leading	一流の	• excel at...	~を得意とする
• animation	アニメーション	• under pressure	プレッシャーをかけられて
• familiar with...	~をよく知っている	• under the gun	切羽詰って
• an operating system	基本ソフト	• a perfectionist	完璧主義者

## 1

Read the passage and circle the new words as you find them

To whom it may concern,

I'd like to apply for the position of design manager that you advertised on Gaijin Pot. I feel I'd be a great match for the position.

I specialize in graphic design and I have a masters in Art from UCLA. I have a TOEIC score of 980 and I have passed level 1 of both the Kanji Kentei and the JLPT. I have five years experience working at a leading design firm in Tokyo as a graphic designer and I also have experience working at an animation studio in Los Angeles.

I am familiar with Microsoft and Apple operating systems, as I have been using both operating systems for over 10 years. I also know how to use Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator. And I am also fairly good at using Adobe Indesign, Premier and Fireworks. In addition, I am also proficient at using Web design software such as Dreamweaver and Flash. I have created a number of websites for clients over the years and I would be happy to send you the links if you are interested.

I am good at working in a team. I have been involved in a number of projects since I joined my current company and I have had to work with different people with different personalities, but I really enjoyed the experience. Also, I excel at working under pressure. At my last job, I frequently had to work under the gun, because of the numerous deadlines that I had to meet. Managing a large team is no problem for me. At my previous company, on multiple occasions I managed a team of over 10 people.

In regards to my weaknesses, most of my colleagues would say I sometimes work too hard and I can be a bit of a perfectionist sometimes.

Please find attached a copy of my resume and design portfolio.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,  
Peter Smith

## 2

Answer the questions below

1. What Does Peter say to explain his graphic design skills?
2. What does he say to explain his PC skills? (OS)
3. What does he say to explain his PC skills? (Adobe 1)
4. What does he say to explain his PC skills? (Adobe 2)
5. What does he say to explain his PC skills? (Web)
6. What does he say to explain how he works under pressure?
7. What does he say to explain his skill of managing teams?
8. What does he say to explain his weaknesses?

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# Lesson 41: He said he was wiped out

## レッスン 41: 彼はとっても疲れたと言いました

**Target: Talking about what people said using "reported speech"**  
 目的: 間接話法を使って、色々な人の言ったことを話してみましょう!

### Reading 単語



#### New vocabulary introduced in the reading

• since	～して以来	• a liar	うそつき
• kind of	ちょっと	• sincerely	心から
• have a crush on...	(人)に熱をあげる	• tell the truth	真実を語る
• date...	(人)とデートする	• a crowned prince	王子
• lock (person) (place)	～に錠を掛ける	• pull one's leg	からかう
• convince (person) to...	(人)に～することを納得させる	• in fact	実際に
• ask (person) out	(人)をデートに誘う	• has to (verb)	のはずだ
• blame (person) for...	非難する	• obviously	明らかに
• I'm of the opinion that...	私の意見は	• photoshop...	加工する

## 1

Read the passage and circle the new words as you find them

It's hard being a teenager.

For example, on Monday, Jessica said that she was going to attend Blake's party on the weekend, and since all her friends know that she kind of has a little crush on Blake they started telling everyone that her and Blake were dating. She was not pleased. She locked herself in her room and it took me ages to convince her to come out.

Also yesterday, Mary said James had said he was going to ask Stacy out, but he never ended up doing it. So now Stacy is angry at Mary because she blames her for James not asking her out. I'll go talk to James tomorrow and see what happened. Maybe he just forgot or something, I don't know.

Also, I'm of the opinion that most of the people in my class are liars. For example, Taro said that when he was 1 year old, he could speak Japanese. I really doubt that. My parents said I only really started talking around 3 years. I sincerely doubt that Taro learned how to speak that early.

Also, Megumi mentioned that she met Brad Pitt once, and they had dinner together but she wasn't able to take a picture because she had left her camera at home. Haha. Yeah right. There is not way she was telling the truth.

What else? Oh yeah, last week Sam told me that he had been to Dubai. He said that the crowned prince had invited him there for a party. I'm pretty sure he was pulling my leg on this because I talked to his sister and she told me that he had never been to Dubai and in fact had never left the country.

But I think the biggest liar has to be my teacher, Mr. White. It's like he can't stop lying. Once, while we were in class he said that he would take us on a class trip to Disney Land, but he never did. Another time, he said he could speak French, but when a French exchange student came to our class he didn't understand a word she said. Another time, he said that he had met the president, but when he showed us the picture it had very obviously been photoshopped.

## 2

Answer the questions below

1. What did Jessica say?
2. What did her friends start telling everyone?
3. What did Mary say James had said?
4. What did Taro say?
5. What did Megumi mention?
6. What did Sam say?
7. What three lies did the teacher tell?
8. How many examples of reported speech can you find?

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## Lesson 42: I went there by myself

## レッスン 42: 一人であそこに行きました

Target: Using reflexive, emphatic and reciprocal pronouns  
目的: 自分で、一人で、お互いに、を使って話しましょう!

Reading  
単語

## New vocabulary introduced in the reading

cancel on (person)	～をキャンセルする	plead for...	弁護する
at the last minute	直前に	a warm-up	準備運動
ticked off	怒って	a mat	マット
get a parking spot	駐車場所を見つける	drop one's guard	気を緩める
find it hard to (verb)	～が難しいと思う	detailed	詳細にわたる
huge	巨大な	kick oneself	自分を責める
pay attention	注意する	realize...	～に気が付く
hapkido	韓国の武道	tease...	からかう
take it like a man	動じることなく対応する	I myself	私自身も

## 1

Read the passage and circle the new words as you find them

On Saturday, because it was raining I was planning on seeing a movie with my friend Akiko, but she cancelled on me at the last minute and I ended up having to go to the movies all by myself. I was a little ticked off, actually. I then drove to the theater, and eventually got a parking spot. I find it quite hard to park my huge car by myself. I usually tell someone to get out and help me park it. I felt pretty stupid when I got out of the car though, because I hurt myself a little bit. I wasn't paying attention and I hit my head. It really hurt. Then I had to walk about 300m in the rain to the theater. Luckily, I had my big blue umbrella in the car.

On Sunday, James and I went to hapkido practice. On the way there, James was telling me about some interesting things that had happened at work recently. The other day, the HR manager had fired Jame's boss. Instead of taking it like a man his boss threw himself at the HR managers feet and pleaded for another chance. It didn't work though. James thought it was pretty funny.

We arrived at the dojo at 11:00. Some people were practicing, but most people were just talking to each other and relaxing before practice. The warm-up was fun, we had to practice throwing each other, but we were using the big mats so that no-one got injured.

When we did sparring, we had to change opponents many times because the instructor wanted everyone to fight one another at least once. When me and James fought each other we were very tired because we had both fought 5 people before the match. I accidentally kicked James right in the head, but he wasn't angry because he blamed himself for dropping his guard.

On the way home, we saw this weird old guy talking to himself on the train. It was pretty funny. He seemed to be having a very detailed conversation with himself.

When we got home James started looking for his bag. He couldn't find it though, so I helped him look for it. James kicked himself when he realized he had left his bag on the train. But I didn't tease him because I myself had made exactly the same mistake a few weeks ago.

Now we need to go back to the station to pick up his bag.

## 2

Answer the questions below

- Did she go to the movies with her friend?
- What does she find hard to do by herself?
- What happened when she was getting out of the car?
- Who threw themselves at the HR manager's feet?
- What was the warm-up at hapkido practice?
- Who was the weird old guy talking to?
- Why did James kick himself?
- How many reflective, empathetic & reciprocal pronouns can you find?

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# Lesson 43: He's been hitting on her

## レッスン 43: 彼は彼女にナンパし続けています

**Target: Using the present perfect progressive tense**  
 目的: 現在完了進行形を使ってみましょう!

### Reading 単語



#### New vocabulary introduced in the reading

• take it easy	休む	• chat (person) up	～を口説く
• switch to...	切り替える	• a pick up line	誘い文句
• hit on...	ナンパする	• like	例えば
• literally	本当に	• imaginable	想像できる
• strike out	失敗する	• to get shot down	却下される
• a wingman	編隊僚機	• to let off steam	憂さを晴らす
• a chick	若い女性	• burn the midnight oil	夜遅くまで働く
• confidence	自信	• med school	医大
• of the opposite sex	異性の	• the home front	家庭では

## 1

Read the passage and circle the new words as you find them

I've been drinking since about 7 pm and think I might need to take it easy for a while. I think I'm going to switch to soft drinks.

I've had a lot of fun tonight watching Ben hitting on girls. It's been hilarious.

He has literally been hitting on girls since he walked in the door but unfortunately he's struck out with each and every one of them. Even though he's had Mike as a wingman, it hasn't helped.

Mike has been helping Ben try to pick up chicks for years, because Ben really just lacks confidence and finds it really difficult to speak to members of the opposite sex. Mike on the other hand does not.

Ben has been trying to chat girls up all night, and I must say, it's been pretty funny. He's been using the worst pick up lines imaginable. Like, for one girl he actually said. "Excuse me did it hurt? You know, when you fell from heaven?" No wonder he's been getting shot down so much.

Also, this week I've been pretty much working until 11 pm or later every day. My boss has really been making me work a lot of overtime recently, so that's why I decided to come out tonight. You know, to let off a little steam.

Actually, now that I think about it, everyone has been really busy this week. James has been burning the midnight oil trying to get his project finished. Alice has been studying non-stop, because she is trying to get into med school. Alex has been working on his new book, so we never get a chance to see him and Eru has been spending all her spare time preparing for her big presentation that's coming up next month.

In regards to the home front, my wife has been getting home really late each night this week because she's just started a new job in Yokohama and the commute is much longer than she expected. So, I've been ordering a lot of pizza this week, because I am a terrible cook. I can't even make pasta.

## 2

Answer the questions below

- Who has been hitting on lots of girls?
- Who has been helping him?
- Has Ben been using good or bad pick up lines?
- Has Ben been getting shot down a lot?
- Who has been burning the midnight oil recently?
- Has Eru been working on a new book?
- Who has been getting home really late recently?
- How many examples of present perfect progressive can you find?

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## Lesson 44: I arrived at about 8ish

## レッスン 44: 八時ごろ着きました

Target: Speaking vaguely about numbers & quantities  
目的: 曖昧な数や量の表現を話してみましょう!

Reading  
単語

## New vocabulary introduced in the reading

• get to know (person)	〜と知り合いになる
• over the course of (time)	〜の間に
• impressive	素晴らしい
• simply horrible	最悪な
• massive	巨大な
• a pot luck party	持ち寄りパーティー
• suck	最悪である
• BFF	永遠の大親友
• afford to (verb)	〜する金銭的な余裕がある

## 1

Read the passage and circle the new words as you find them

Last night, James invited me to a party at his place. I arrived at his place at about 8ish. When I walked around there were about 30 odd people there, but I only knew a handful of them. The majority of the people there were his friends from work.

I got to know most of the people over the course of the night and I made quite a few new friends. A good number of the guys there were quite into movies, and I love movies too, so we had lots to talk about. Also, something that really surprised me was that around half of the people there were able to speak Japanese fluently. It was really quite impressive. My Japanese is simply horrible.

James's place is really nice. It's pretty much as big as my place, but he has a really nice dining set and his TV is approximately twice as big as mine. I was shocked when I saw how big his TV was. It was massive.

The food at the party was really interesting. Because it was a pot luck party, there was lots of different kinds of food. There was piroshki, which is kind of like a Russian meat pie, and there were some Turkish kebabs which are sort of like burritos.

I also met, ah, you know, whatshisface. Tom, that's right, Tom. We talked about video games. Which one is the best, which ones suck, upcoming games and stuff like that. It was cool to talk to someone who was also interested in video games.

Also, the other day, my BFF and I went to this really nice restaurant in Tokyo. Because the restaurant is really popular, we had to arrive a good hour early. When we arrived, I was really surprised because there were only 10 or so people in the whole restaurant. Much less than I had expected.

When we finally got to look at the menu, I was shocked again. I was only able to afford like two or three things on the menu because they were just so expensive. There were several dishes that were over \$200. The large majority of dishes were between the \$100 and \$150 mark. In the end, we ended up going somewhere else because we just couldn't afford to eat there.

## 2

Answer the questions below

1. What time did he arrive at the party?
2. How many people were there?
3. How many of them did he know?
4. How big is James's TV?
5. What stuff did he and Tom talk about?
6. How early did they arrive at the restaurant?
7. How much were the large majority of the dishes?
8. How many vague expressions can you find?

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